

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MIDLAND/ODESSA DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**V.**

**SAMUEL JESUS AVILA**

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**CAUSE NO. MO:21-CR-280-DC**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

NOW COMES, Samuel Jesus Avila, by and through his undersigned attorney, and hereby gives notice that he appeals to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals the sentence entered by the United States District Court in this case. Sentence was pronounced at the sentencing hearing on February 2, 2022. The judgment was entered on February 8, 2022.

DATED this 8th day of February 2022.

Respectfully submitted.

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**DESIGNATION OF RECORD**

Samuel Jesus Avila designates as the record on appeal a certified copy of the docket entries prepared by the District Clerk, and all of the original documents and instruments filed with the District Clerk, including but not limited to: all exhibits entered into evidence by either the government or Samuel Jesus Avila, and a complete transcript of all court proceedings, including the sentencing hearing held on February 2, 2022.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On, the 8th day of February 2022, I filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system who will serve the foregoing Notice of Appeal and Designation of Record on the following:

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/s/JOHN J. VELASQUEZ  
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